

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 12, 19-23, 26 and 27 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows, this listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) The dishwasher according to claim ~~12~~²⁴, wherein the spray channel is tubular and has a configuration of two open ends via which the washing liquid can be supplied under the action of pressure.

14. (Currently Amended) The dishwasher according to claim ~~12~~²⁴, wherein the spray channel is operable to guide therethrough washing liquid which is being supplied at various pressures.

15. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 14, wherein the spray channel is operable to guide therethrough washing liquid which is being supplied at various pressures wherein the variation of the pressure is controlled by a pressure distribution using at least one of an electronic, hydraulic and mechanical means.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) The dishwasher according to claim ~~12~~²⁴, wherein the spray channel has a round cross-section.

18. (Currently Amended) The dishwasher according to claim ~~12~~²⁴, wherein the spray channel has a rectangular cross-section.

19-23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously Presented) A dishwasher comprising:

at least one washing container having a bottom area, a top area, and a wall area that collectively form an interior of the washing container in which items to be washed can be disposed; and

a spraying device for spraying washing liquid into the interior of the washing container, the spraying device having at least one spray channel operable to guide

therealong a washing liquid, the spray channel being integrated into at least one of the bottom, top and wall areas of the washing container and having openings in a side of the spray channel oriented in a direction towards the interior of the washing container for the passage therethrough of washing liquid,

wherein the spraying device includes a spray cover having a substantially U-shaped cross-section, and wherein free ends of the U-shaped spray cover are bent inward to fit the spray cover into the spray channel such that outward deflection of the free ends abuts the free ends against side walls of the spray channel.

25. (Previously Presented) A dishwasher comprising:

at least one washing container having a bottom area, a top area, and a wall area that collectively form an interior of the washing container in which items to be washed can be disposed; and

a plurality of spraying devices for spraying washing liquid into the interior of the washing container, each of the plurality of spraying devices having at least one spray channel operable to guide therealong a washing liquid, the spray channel being integrated into at least one of the bottom, top and wall areas of the washing container and having openings in a side of the spray channel oriented in a direction towards the interior of the washing container for the passage therethrough of washing liquid, wherein the spraying devices lie in different planes within the washing container, and wherein at least the bottom area of the washing container has a multi-planar surface, each side of the spray channels directed toward the interior of the washing container lying in one plane and defining a substantially continuous planar surface with the bottom area of the washing container.

26-27. (Canceled)

28. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 25, wherein the spray channel is tubular and has a configuration of two open ends via which the washing liquid can be supplied under the action of pressure.

29. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 25, wherein the spray channel is operable to guide therethrough washing liquid which is being supplied at various pressures.

30. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 29, wherein the spray channel is operable to guide therethrough washing liquid which is being supplied at various pressures wherein the variation of the pressure is controlled by a pressure distribution using at least one of an electronic, hydraulic and mechanical means.

31. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 25, wherein the spray channel has a round cross-section.

32. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 25, wherein the spray channel has a rectangular cross-section.